it must be the sincere desire of every one interested in the well-being of the people of India that the deliberations at the forth-coming Round Table Conference in London fixed for the 20th October next will bear fruitful results and ultimately result in a constitution conducive to the peace and progress of India.

The honoured presence in our midst at the commencement of this session of Mr. Cater, the worthy representative in the Madras States of the august Paramount Power has given us no small pleasure, and, on behalf of the Members of the Cochin Legislative Council, I wish to convey to Mr. Cater our deep gratitude for his condescension to be present to-day and his abiding interest in our Council Proceedings.

With these few remarks, I declare this session open for business.

First item, Questions and Answers.

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Q'ran teachers and their pay.

1. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has been brought to their notice the great hardship experienced by the Q'ran teachers in eking out their existence with the allowance of Rs. 10 given to them;

(b) whether the teachers have any other source of income for their livelihood ;

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to sanction to them the lowest pay of the Primary School Teachers ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Government have received representations that their allowance may be further revised.

(b) Not known.

(c) Government do not think it necessary to have a further revision at present.

Syllabus for the teaching of Q'ran.

2. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government kindly say :—

(a) whether there is any syllabus approved by the Govern-ment for the teaching of Q'ran ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether there is any provision therein for the teaching of the elements of the Arabic language ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

Salary of Arabic Pandits.

3. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether, consistently with their decision to

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